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Our Impression . . .

. . . is that the Central Intelligence Agency, which Allen Dulles directs, is the most brilliant espionage organization in the history of secret stealing. Every time we hear a question raised about it, we wonder what possible flaw could be found in this paragon of spy bureaus.

Admittedly we know no more than anyone else about its operation, but we go by what we are told about Russian affairs—especially the military ones. Generals, senators and “authoritative sources” unburden themselves daily of details concerning Red aircraft, tanks, ships, troops and armament statistics which would be unavailable except for intelligence findings which must be the envy of all other secret services—including the Russian.



Allen Dulles

All we hope is that in pouring these skillfully gained facts out in support of one argument or another the actual espionage agents aren't being compromised. It must make the man at the MIG plant a little nervous, for instance, when some Washington spokesman spouts all the latest MIG lore with such unqualified certainty.

Oh yes, another hope we'd like to express, too. It's that all these people who tell us so authoritatively what the Russians are up to aren't simply passing around rumor, fiction and the like. That would disillusion us.